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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Thomas E. Borillo et al.
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For : APPARATUS FOR IMPLANTING DEVICES IN
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a 1-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated June 5, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before October 5, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit

overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

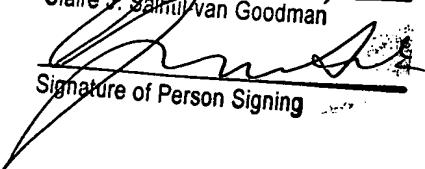
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